The Second Mile

THE GOSPEL OF THE SECOND MILE

Mtt.5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

INTRO. X refers to custom of forced service in Syria.

X uses this to further illustrate the profound principle that the righteousness of Xns must exceed the righteousness of the scribes and pharasee. A hit at conventional virtue, punctilious morality without any love in it which goes no further than absolutely necessary.

We may appropriately call it the Gospel of the Second Mi Mile. And tonite let us apply it for profitable consideration.

I. Teaches the ~~cheerful~~ duty of cheerful submission to the ills and misfortunes of life.

This gospel says,"Do not submit to these experiences with bitterness and or surly temper, but do so so trustingly and so sweetly that you will commend yourself and your religion to others.

II. Teaches us to put into the common duties and requirements of life a higher quality of service than ~~ordinary~~ what bare necessity demands.

The first mile gives scarcely any value to one's work. But beyond the first mile of necessity it begins to have real heart interest and careful endeavor to do one's best' then it counts for much.

Service to employer, to family, to Church, to community, to God.

The second mile in courtesy-more than conformity to ~~a~~ rules of etiquette.

Friendship is not reached except in the second mil of kindness, friendly interest and self-sacrificing love

All the graces and virtues of life begin only on the second mile way of living.

//~~I~~III. Religion itself is demonstrated truly only in conformity of the Second Mile Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Not belief in doctrines and conformity to rules and ~~t~~ reegulations, but a Spirit and ~~ad~~ Love that tkaes beyond